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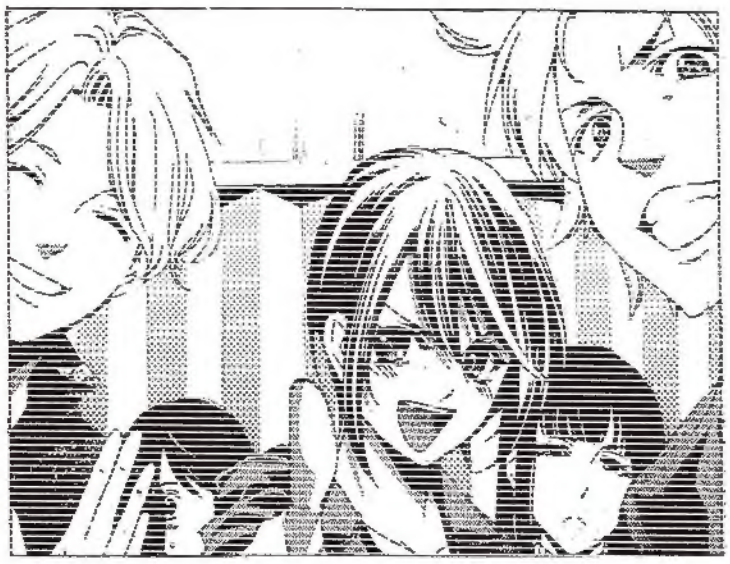
BLUE WELLS PRESENTS THE OUTDOOR MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

"BLUE SUMMER"



EARNED SO FAR:

17,876,000 YEN

GOAL: 30,000,000 YEN

SUPPORTERS: 10,521

TIME REMAINING: 29 DAYS

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176 ONE MORE MONTH

CREE

WE HAD A STRONG START, BUT THEN WE GROUND TO A HALT.

I'M NOT SURE IF WE CAN GET ANOTHER 12 MILLION YEN IN 29 DAYS...

IT'S HARD TO SAY.

HOW'S IT LOOKING, AOBA-CHAN?

DO YOU THINK WE'LL GET THE FUNDS TO-GETHER?

THAT'S A LITTLE MORE THAN I CAN GIVE. NOW, IF YOU WERE WILLING TO GO WITH JUST ONE STAGE...

CAN'T YOU AT LEAST BRING US TO 18 MILLION SOMEHOW THROUGH YOUR CON-NECTIONS, SUZUYA-SAN?!

HMM...

I SUPPOSE, BUT STILL--

...SO WE NEED AT LEAST TWO STAGES TO HAVE TIME FOR THEM ALL TO PERFORM!

WE CAN'T DO THAT! WE MANAGED TO GET 20 ARTISTS IN THE LINEUP...

AUGH-- WE'RE NOT GETTING ENOUGH MONEY. WE CAN'T GET ANY FOOD OR DRINK VENDORS...

...AND WE CAN'T FIND A PA TO OVERSEE THE EVENT.

JUST HAVING LOTS OF PARTICIPATING ARTISTS ISN'T ENOUGH TO PUT ON A FESTIVAL.

THE PA IS THE PERSON WHO HANDLES THE SOUND EQUIPMENT, RIGHT?

SO COULDN'T WE ASK KUMANO-SAN FROM NAGOYA OR MAMIYA-SAN TO DO IT?

I'M SORRY-- I ASKED SOMEONE I KNOW WHO DOES PA WORK, BUT HE'S BOOKED.

WELL, YOU CAN'T BLAME HIM.

EVEN IF SOMEONE HAD THE TIME, WHO WOULD WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS THING?

NO, THEY'RE ENGI-NEERS.

THE PA MAKES SURE THE SOUND FILLS THE ENTIRE VENUE. IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT WORK.

I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THIS STUFF...

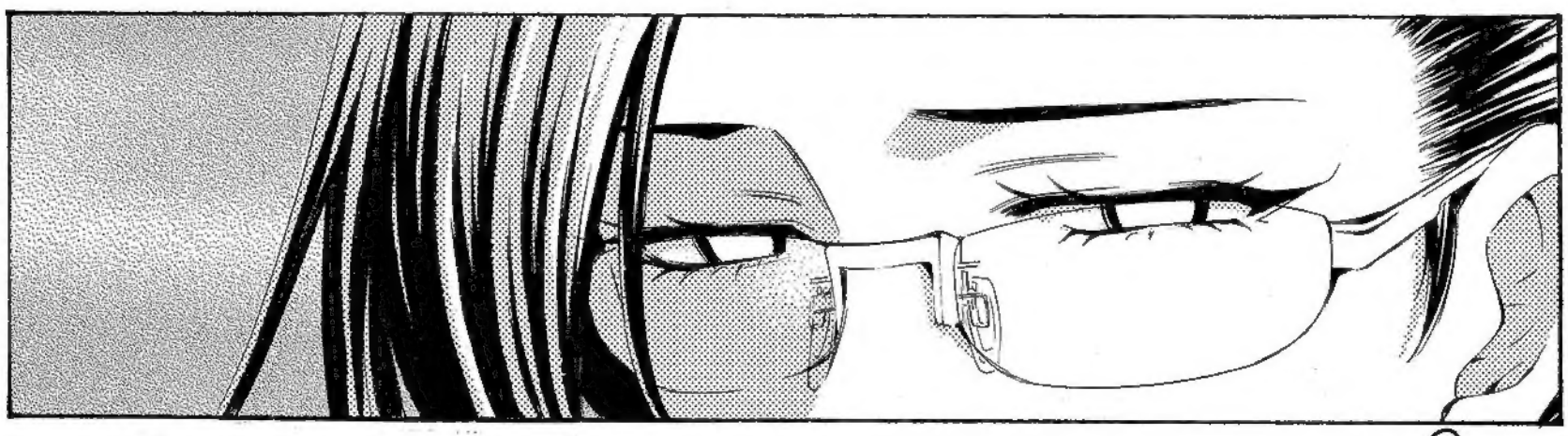
I SEE, I GUESS.

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR EARLY BOOKING!

TONS OF INCREDIBLE ARTISTS WILL COME TOGETHER FOR THIS EVENT ON AUGUST 1, 20XX!!

THE SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY ZETA MUSIC IS COMING UP!!

MUSIC SUMMER 20XX!!



WHAT'S WRONG WITH JOURNALISM IN THIS COUNTRY?!

YEAH, WE'VE ANNOUNCED THAT SHELLEY HORNET WILL BE THERE, BUT THE MEDIA HASN'T PICKED IT UP AT ALL!!

WOOOO

MUST BE NICE TO HAVE ADS ALL OVER TELEVISION...

WOOOO

I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE EVEN KNOW ABOUT OUR FESTIVAL?

THANK YOU FOR CALLING TWINKLING STAR!

CLICK カチャ

HUH?

BRIIING BRIIING

FORGET THE FORMALITIES! KAEDE TOLD ME WHAT'S GOIN' ON!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID FOR US IN OSAKA.

OH. HELLO. IT'S GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN.

HEY! GET TO WORK!

WELL... YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

I THOUGHT NOT.

AND I BET YA CAN'T FIND ANY FOOD OR DRINK VENDORS FOR IT, RIGHT?

Y'ALL ARE HAVIN' YOUR OWN FESTI-VAL, EH?

HUH?

WANT ME TO GET SOME VENDORS TOGETHER FOR YA? WE'LL SEND HELP FROM OUR CHAIN, TOO.

HEY, LONG TIME NO SPEAK.

THIS IS HIDEYUKI FROM OSAKA! REMEMBER ME?

I SAID, GET TO WORK!

OH, ALSO, THERE'S A SALES REP FROM A BEVERAGE MAKER CALLED SANGRI WHO COMES BY OUR SHOP A LOT.

BLINK ヒ" ケ "/

REALLY ?!

I'M A GUY WHO ALWAYS REPAYS HIS DEBTS, YA KNOW.

SURE, TO THANK HARUNA FOR GETTIN' KAEDE TO STICK WITH HER MUSIC.

I THINK THEY'LL PROBABLY BE CALLIN' YA TODAY.

WHAT IS IT? ANOTHER PROB-LEM?

WHAAAT?!

I TOLD 'EM ABOUT YOUR FESTIVAL, AND THEY SAID THEY'D BE GLAD TO WORK WITH YA.

CLATTER A A D

BANNER: KIRISHIMA

WHAT RESTAURANT WAS IT AGAIN? THEY WERE AT THE HEDGEHOGS' FESTIVAL, AND THEY HAD THE HIGHEST PROFITS OF ALL THE STALLS THERE.

...AND THEY'RE GONNA INTRO-DUCE YA TO THEM, TOO.

THE SALES REP ALSO HAS CONNECTIONS WITH A RESTAURANT THAT MAKES AMAZING FOOD...

YEAH! WILL YA DO IT? WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP, KIRISHIMA-KUN.

IF THERE'S GOOD FOOD THERE, OUR BEER SHOULD SELL REALLY WELL, TOO!

A STALL AT A MUSIC FESTIVAL?

I'LL NEVER ASK FOR ANOTHER FAVOR AGAIN!!

"NEVER" ISN'T VERY LONG FOR YOU, IS IT, ADACHI-SAN?

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID LAST TIME I DID YOU A FAVOR.

I'LL HELP YOU, OF COURSE!!

WOW, THAT SOUNDS FUN! LET'S DO IT, HARUTO-SAN!

W-WELL--

WOOO

IF YOU SAY SO, YUZUKI.

WOOO

HARUTO-KUN, DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE ANNOYED WHEN THE BAND CALLED THE FALLEN MOON TOOK YOUR CUSTOMERS AWAY AT THAT FESTIVAL?

SO YOU CAN TRY TO WIN THIS TIME!

BY THE WAY, AKI-TSUKI-SAN...

...WE'RE COMING TO THE HEIGHT OF SUMMER. DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS?

PLANS?

THAT'S IT FOR SPORTS AND EN-TERTAIN-MENT!

YES.

OUR FAMILY WILL BE GOING TO A MUSIC FESTIVAL.

NO!

THIS ONE'S SPONSORED BY A BAND CALLED BLUE WELLS!

A MUSIC FESTI-VAL...

THE ONE SPON-SORED BY ZETA MUSIC?

IT'S ACTUALLY THE BAND MY DAUGHTER STARTED UP BEFORE SHE PASSED AWAY.

H-HEY-- DID HE FORGET THIS IS A LIVE BROADCAST?!

CUT TO A COMMERCIAL! NOW!!

SO OF COURSE I WANT TO GIVE THEM MY SUPPORT!

ARE YOU WATCHING, YUU HARUNA?! BE READY!!

WHAT THE HECK IS DAD SAYING? HOW EMBARRASSING!!

...

IS IT?

I THINK HE SOUNDS GREAT.

HUH? THE BLUE WELLS ONE?

ANYWAY, YOU'RE GOING TO THAT FESTIVAL, RIGHT?

WHO IS THAT GUY? HE'S HILARIOUS.

!!

!!

RIGHT? IT'S KINDA SCARY.

BUT NO ONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT ON TV AT ALL. ISN'T THAT WEIRD?

OF COURSE I'M GOING!!

YES. THE BLUE WELLS ONE! SHELLEY WILL BE THERE, YOU KNOW!!

I DON'T SEE ANY INDICATION THAT THEIR FESTIVAL IS GOING TO BE CANCELED.

AGAIN...

I'M ASKING YOU WHAT IS GOING ON.

ZETA MUSIC MUST BE PUTTING PRESSURE ON THEM. I SAW IT IN THE NEWS ONLINE.

FOR REAL?!

ZETA MUSIC IS CRAZY!!

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME.

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU EVEN--

THE FIRST TIME MY SON...

...LOOKED ME IN THE EYE AND DEFIED ME.

YOU ASKED WHY. THAT'S WHY.

WELL, I'M A BUSY MAN.

WAIT JUST A MINUTE!! YOU CAN'T--

LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO.

MONEY SENT.

SO...

AND IT'S ANONY-MOUS!!

PRESIDENT!! WE JUST GOT A CONTRIBU-TION OF 10 MILLION YEN!!

T-TEN MILLION ?!

CLATTER

WHAT?!

WE'RE COMIN' IN!!

KA-CHAK

IS THIS TWINKLING STAR?!

OH--

WHOA, WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?

THINGS SUDDENLY TOOK A BIG TURN.

...AND YANAGI-SAN FROM ROCK TOWN!

HEYA !!

ICHIKAWA-SAN...

I HAVE A REASON TO WANT TO LIVE A LONG LIFE NOW.

I QUIT.

WAIT, DO YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER?

HUH.

...AND WE GOT TO TALKIN' ABOUT MAKIN' A COMEBACK AT YOUR FESTIVAL.

YEP! I WAS OUT DRINKING WITH HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AGES...

WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, AND SO SUD-DENLY?

OH, I'LL GO GET YOU AN ASH TRAY!

OH, NO NEED!!

HUH?

I SAW THEM IN A MAGAZINE A LONG TIME AGO.

WAIT, I KNOW THESE GUYS...

A COME-BACK?

YOU'RE THE LEGENDARY PA TEAM OF ICHIKAWA-SAN AND YANAGI-SAN, RIGHT?

BACK IN THE '80S AND '90S, YOU HANDLED SEVERAL LIVE EVENTS WITH 10,000 OR MORE IN ATTENDANCE.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE SOMEONE LINED UP YET, LET US DO IT.

WHAT I DID TO HARUNA BACK THEN WASN'T RIGHT.

R-REALLY?! YOU'RE A PA TEAM?! WOULD YOU HANDLE OUR FESTIVAL?!

"LEGENDARY" IS WHAT YA CALL DEAD PEOPLE! WE'RE STILL ALIVE, AIN'T WE?!

HEY, WHAT KINDA LAME-AS-HELL NICK-NAME IS THAT?

BECAUSE OF YUU HARUNA... THAT ALL THIS IS HAPPENING?

YOU'RE SAYING IT'S BECAUSE OF HIM...

NO--I THINK HE SAID HE'D BE AT HISASHI-SAN'S STUDIO PRACTICING HIS BASS TODAY.

STILL IN THAT FILTHY GARAGE?

HEY, WHERE IS HARUNA, ANYWAY?

PEK

PEK

BOM

BOM

KA-CHAK

HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE.

...YO.

...

YOU'VE ACTUALLY BEEN WORKING PRETTY HARD... FOR YOU, AT LEAST.

OH-- NIKO-SAN.

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE.

YEAH.

I JUST GOT WORD THAT IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE ABLE TO HOLD OUR FESTIVAL THANKS TO THAT.

NO... I HAVEN'T DONE ANY-THING.

WE HAD HELP FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE.

WHAT IS IT?

...

...?

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

UH—

YEAH.

NOTH-ING.

GOOD FOR YOU, THEN.

...

I WAS TALK-ING ABOUT YOUR BASS, ACTUALLY...

BUT I GUESS YOU DON'T NEED TO HEAR THAT KIND OF THING FROM ME.

Fuuka

JULY 31, THE NIGHT BEFORE "BLUE SUMMER"

YAMMER

YAMMER

YAMMER

SIGN: FRIED PORK SKEWERS ECCHAN

AH--

UM...

I'LL GET FIVE SKEWERS, CHEF'S CHOICE!

THANKS FOR CHECK-ING US OUT!!

BEST FRIED PORK SKEWERS IN JAPAN HERE!!

...T-TO COME TO THIS FESTIVAL EVE PARTY.

I WANT TO... UM... THANK YOU ALL FOR TAKING THE TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES...

WHAT DID YOU SAY YOU WERE GONNA DO TO US?!

C'MON, WHAT KIND OF GREETING IS THAT?! WHERE'S THE ENERGY YOU HAD IN YOUR LIVE STREAM?!

...

WE'RE HOPING WE CAN MAKE IT A GOOD COMPETI-TION...

UH...

E-ERM... WE'RE JUST, I MEAN...

UGH!! GIVE ME THAT!!

AH...

WE DON'T INTEND TO LOSE TO ANY OF YOU!!

SO HIT US WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT!

Fuuka

177 A WAR OF WORDS ON THE EVE OF THE SHOW!

ZSSSHHHH

YEAH, REALLY. THAT IKOMA WOMAN HAS SOME PRETTY GRUESOME METHODS.

HARD TO BELIEVE ZETA MUSIC'S FESTIVAL IS RIGHT NEXT TO OURS, THOUGH.

SO IT SEEMS. I HEAR ABOUT IT ALL THE TIME.

DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA. I'M HERE TO COMPETE WITH Y'ALL.

YA MIGHT NOT REALIZE, BUT MY DAD'S SKEWERS ARE GETTIN' A LOT OF ATTENTION ON CABLE TV AND SUCH.

WE'RE REALLY GLAD YOU CAME, THOUGH, KAEDE-SAN.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

...

SUNGREE

...MY NAME MAY BE ALL THE AUDIENCE REMEMBERS.

BUT ONCE THE FESTIVAL'S OVER TOMOR-ROW...

HEY, KANSAI GIRL!

I CAN'T OVERLOOK THAT COMMENT.

WHO EXACTLY WILL BE ALL THAT THE AUDIENCE REMEMBERS AFTER THE FESTIVAL?

SHFF

OH, RIGHT— THERE'S SOMETHING I FORGOT TO TELL YOU, YUU.

I SAID IT'LL BE ME, OF COURSE.

WHY WAS THAT THE ONLY PART YA DIDN'T HEAR, AMERICAN?!

SHELLEY!

YOU CAME FOR THE FESTIVAL EVE PARTY!

I'M SURE THAT'LL HAVE EVERYONE IN THE VENUE... NO, THE WHOLE WORLD TALKING ABOUT THIS DIVA.

I'LL BE UNVEILING A NEW SONG AT TOMORROW'S FESTIVAL.

I CAN'T BELIEVE SHELLEY HORNET'S HERE.

WHY? SHE'S JUST SOME GIRL

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SO FULL OF VIGOR.

...

NOM もぐ" もぐ" NOM

HUH?

ARE YOU GUYS DUMB?

YEAH, WE FINALLY GET TO APPEAR IN THE SAME FESTIVAL WITH THEM!

HUH?

HEY, YUUGA. LET'S GO INTRODUCE OURSELVES TO KANARIA!

...!

...HRM.

THAT DIVA AND KANARIA ARE JUST STEPPING STONES FOR US.

DUDE, YOU--

AND THAT BLUE WELLS BAND ISN'T EVEN ON MY RADAR.

WHAT DID I TELL YOU?

WE'RE GONNA WIN THIS THING.

UGH...

UUU-UGH...

WH-WHAT'S WRONG, AOBA-CHAN? DOES YOUR STOMACH HURT?

NO... I'M JUST SO HAPPY!

AFTER ALL THAT, WE REALLY, TRULY GET TO PUT ON OUR FESTIVAL...

LISTEN TO EVERYONE HERE TALKING...

...FINALLY MADE THE REALITY HIT HOME.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

WAAA

AH HA HA HA!!

HEY, KAEDE!! GET OVER HERE AND HELP US!!

THE CONTEST IS TOMOR-ROW!!

Y'ALL CAN SPEND TONIGHT FILLIN' UP ON THE BEST FRIED PORK SKEWERS IN JAPAN!!

SIGN: FRIED PORK SKEWERS

I WONDER WHAT KIND OF PERSON HER FRIEND IS?

HUH.

...

SOME-THING ABOUT MEET-ING AN OLD FRIEND.

SHE SAID SHE HAD SOMETHING TO DO.

I HAVEN'T SEEN HER ALL EVE-NING.

WAIT, WHERE'S THE PRESI-DENT?

...

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.

FIFTEEN YEARS SINCE THE TWO OF US MET LIKE THIS, I BELIEVE.

YES, IT HAS.

HAS IT BEEN THAT LONG?

REALLY?

WELL, THANKS FOR THAT.

TO BE HONEST, I COULDN'T SEE MYSELF EVER OVERTAKING YOU.

YOU WERE A PRODUCER YOURSELF, CHURNING OUT HIT AFTER HIT FOR A MAJOR LABEL.

BACK WHEN I WAS STILL A PRODUCER HERE.

BUT I GUESS YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS.

NOW I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THIS COMPANY...

...AND YOU MISSED YOUR CHANCE TO GET MARRIED FOR SOME SILLY BAND AND THEIR SILLY FESTIVAL.

LOOK...

...

SO IMPA-TIENT.

IF YOU CALLED ME HERE JUST TO SAY THAT, I'M LEAVING.

DESPITE WHAT YOU MAY THINK, I'M A BUSY WOMAN.

HUH?

I'M SAYING THAT I HAVE VERY HIGH REGARD FOR SAORI AMAYA, THE PRODUCER.

I'LL CUT TO THE CHASE.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR ME?

=

I'LL ALSO ARRANGE...

...A MANAGEMENT POSITION FOR YOU.

THERE'S A BAND I'D LIKE YOU TO PRODUCE. THEY'RE CALLED FUNBOOK, AND THEY'RE THE MOST TALENTED BAND SINCE THE HEDGEHOGS.

IF YOU'LL DO IT, I'LL PAY YOU AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.

IT'S NOTHING THAT COMPLICATED.

OF COURSE. THERE ARE TERMS ATTACHED TO THIS. AREN'T THERE?

...

JUST CANCEL YOUR FESTIVAL TOMOR-ROW.

THAT'S ALL IT WILL TAKE FOR YOU TO FIND HAPPINESS. NOT A BAD DEAL. IS IT?

THANK YOU.

ALL RIGHT. THEN.

I SEE.

...

...

WHAT?

IF YOU CALLED ME HERE JUST TO SAY THAT, I'M LEAVING.

DESPITE WHAT YOU MAY THINK, I'M A BUSY WOMAN.

...IS WHAT I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE SAID TO YOU...

...TWO YEARS AGO.

IS IT THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU?

THAT SILLY BAND CALLED BLUE WELLS?

LET ME TELL YOU ONE THING...

BANDS THAT BECOME GOOD SELLERS ARE LOVED BY THE GOD OF MUSIC.

AND I HARDLY BELIEVE THOSE KIDS OF YOURS HAVE THAT ON THEIR SIDE.

DO YOU THINK...

...YOU'RE A GOD OR SOME-THING?

I'M JUST SAYING THAT'S HOW THIS WORLD WORKS.

THEN LET ME TELL YOU ONE THING, TOO.

A BAND THAT HAS TO RELY ON SOME GOD TO BE SUCCESSFUL...

...CAN NEVER CHANGE THIS WORLD.

BE-
CAUSE
NOW I
KNOW-

-THAT I'M
GOING TO
GET MUCH
BETTER.

BECAUSE
I DO LOVE
MUSIC.

I
WAN
TO.

THAT'S A
PATH YOU
HAVE TO
CARVE
OUT FOR
YOURSELF.

YOU'R
WRONG

WE'VE
QUIT HIGH
SCHOOL!!

WE CAME
BACK FOR
OUR OWN
SAKES.

JUST LIKE
THOSE KIDS
HAVE DONE.

TIME TO
TOUR
JAPAN!

THIS
IS MY
OWN
WILL.

...

OH,
AND ONE
MORE
THING...

I'M
SURE
IT
DOES.

...IT JUST
LOOKS
LIKE
THEY'RE
STUCK
IN ONE
PLACE.

IF
YOU
ASK
ME...

SLAM

SO LONG.

I DIDN'T GET MARRIED BECAUSE I NEVER INTENDED TO ANYWAY.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO MISSED YOUR CHANCE TO GET MARRIED.

SHE JUST WON'T ADMIT DEFEAT.

HEH.

GO OUT THERE AND SHOW HER...

...JUST HOW GOOD A BAND YOU ARE.

...

BLUE WELLS...

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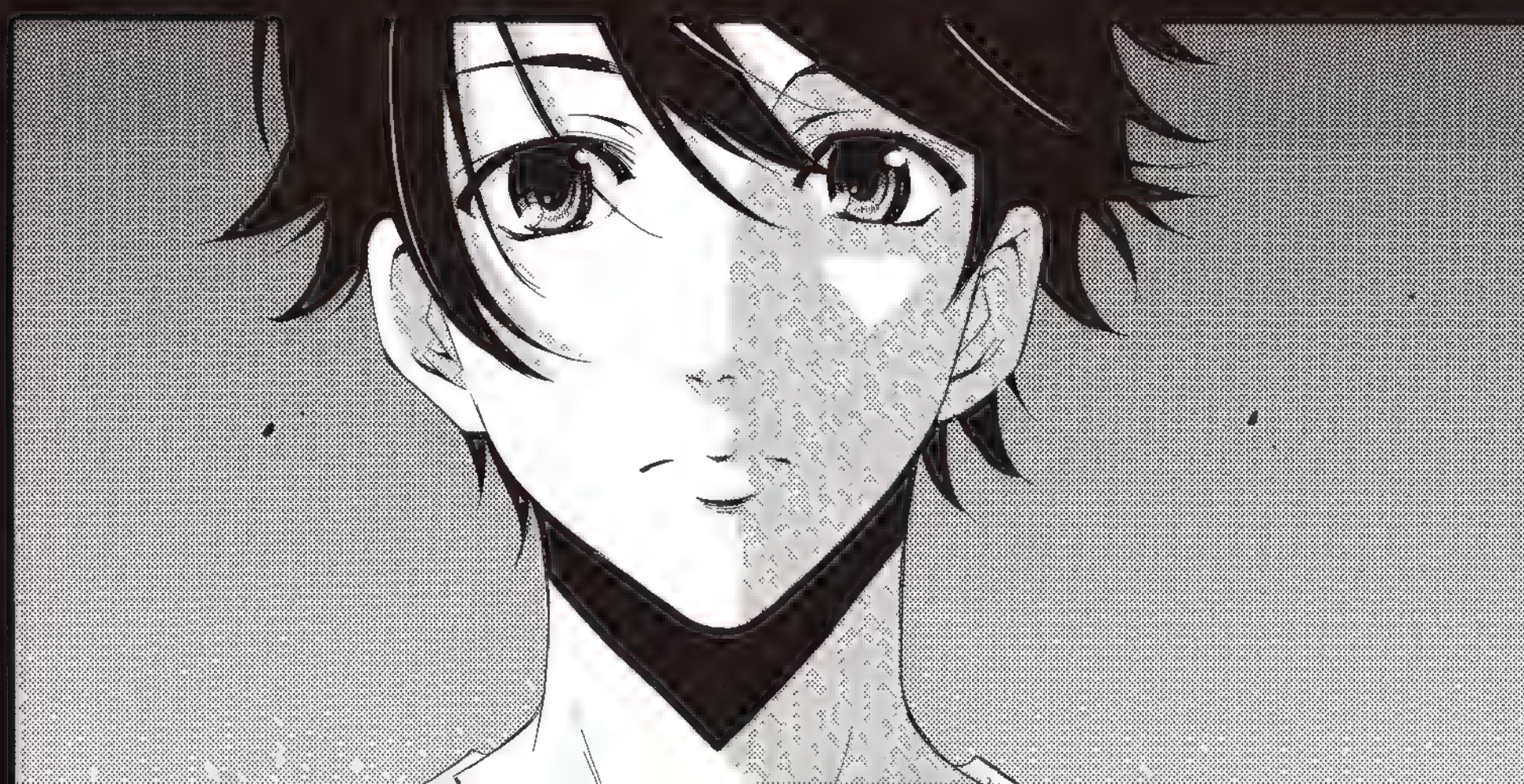
178 ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS.



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HERE IS WHERE...

...IT ALL STARTED FOR ME.

SHFF

SHFF

AND THE BAND I LAUNCHED WITH YOU...

SHFF

SHFF

ZZSSSHHHH

...HAS COME THIS FAR...
...FUUKA.

YOU KNOW...

CLANK

CLANK

AS LONG AS I WAS WITH YOU...

...I FELT LIKE I COULD FLY TO ANY HEIGHTS.

SO...

I NEVER EVEN IMAGINED THIS.

...

...NO.

MAYBE, IF YOU--

IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD TO THINK ABOUT THAT.

I SHOULD COOL MY HEAD A BIT.

TOMOR-ROW'S A REALLY BIG DAY.

SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
...SWIMMING? AT THIS HOUR?
HUH? IS SOME-ONE...
I-I'D BETTER GO WARN THEM!
IT'D BE TERRIBLE IF SOMETHING HAPPENED RIGHT BEFORE OUR FESTIVAL!
SPLOOSH
?!
...

FUUKA!!

OH.

YUU-KUN!

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT COME HERE.

HUH?!

FWSH

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE SO LATE?!

AND TOTALLY NAKED!!

FWSH

NO. NOT EXACTLY.

HUH?

YOU GOT NAKED EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE EXPECTING ME?!

...BECAUSE I WAS EXPECTING YOU.

I GOT NAKED...

I'M NOT NAKED, THOUGH.

JUST PUT YOUR CLOTHES ON ALREADY.

FOR-GET IT. JUST SIT DOWN.

NOTHING FEELS BETTER THAN BEING NAKED UNDER THE STARS, YOU KNOW.

WHA--

WHAT ARE YOU EVEN--

!!

...ABOUT FUUKA-CHAN, RIGHT?

YOU WERE THINK-ING...

NOT REALLY.

NO...

SPLISH

BESIDES, IT'S YOUR AND FUUKA-CHAN'S BIRTHDAY NOW, ISN'T IT?

RIGHT NOW YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I-- UH, I MEAN--

U-UH-- THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M STILL HUNG UP ON THINKING OF HER.

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE AT THIS HOUR IF YOU WEREN'T.

ZZSSSHHHH

...

WELL, THAT'S--

WH-WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

BWRFF!!

I'M JEALOUS.

HEY, WHA--

JUST KID-DING.

I KNOW IT'S NOT REALLY LIKE THAT.

HUH?

YOU'RE WHO YOU ARE NOW BECAUSE YOU MET HER.

I MIGHT NEVER HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU IF NOT FOR THAT.

IT MIGHT BE A PRETTY CORNY WAY TO PUT IT...

...BUT I THINK FUUKA AKITSUKI IS A PART OF YUU HARUNA NOW.

AND I FELL IN LOVE WITH ALL OF YOU, INCLUDING THAT.

EVEN THE YOU THAT LOVED FUUKA-CHAN.

A MIN-UTE AGO...

...I WAS STANDING ON THAT STAGE, THINKING.

OH?

...

IF FUUKA AKITSUKI WERE STILL ALIVE AND STANDING UP HERE...

...WHAT KIND OF CONCERT WOULD SHE HAVE GIVEN EVERYONE?

...

I DON'T THINK THAT'S TRUE.

HERE.

EVEN THOUGH I KNOW...

...IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD TO THINK ABOUT THAT.

!!

THESE ARE--

HAPPY BIRTH-DAY...

...TO YOU.

OH.

THANKS...

BUT WHY ARE THERE TWO?

HUH?

ONE IS FOR FUUKA-CHAN!

LET'S MAKE TOMORROW THE BEST CONCERT EVER!

ALL SIX OF US!!

FUUKA...

OKAY?

...

HUH?

BUT SHOULDN'T YOU BE PUTTING YOUR CLOTHES ON NOW?

UM, THAT'S GREAT AND ALL...

CLENCH

YEAH.

MY QUESTION IS...

...HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP YOUR CLOTHES ON?

HUH?

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?

NOTHING FEELS BETTER...

...THAN BEING NAKED UNDER THE STARS, YOU KNOW.

Fuuka: BLUE SUMM

YAMMER

EXCUSE ME! PLEASE FORM A LINE!!

出口 リストバンド確認中 入口

YAMMER

NO PUSHING, PLEASE!!

SIGNS: EXIT, WRISTBAND CHECKS, ENTRANCE

COME ON, HURRY UP! THEY'RE GONNA SELL OUT OF T-SHIRTS!

YOU'RE WAY TOO EXCITED FOR THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING.

BLUE WELL

IT'S FINALLY STARTING!!

OF COURSE I'M EX-CITED!!

SIGN: KIRISHIMA KITCHEN

WEL-COME!!

DRINK

WE'VE GOT THE WORLD'S BEST FESTIVAL FOOD HERE!!

THE BLUE WELLS FESTIVAL!!

179 SUCKER PUNCH!

JUST AT A GLANCE, IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE A BIGGER CROWD.

OF COURSE WE DO.

LOOKS LIKE THEIR FESTIVAL HAS ALREADY STARTED.

WELL, LET THEM TRY THEIR BEST.

...BUT OUR OPENING ACT IS THE BAND SET TO BECOME THE NEXT HEDGEHOGS...

MUSIC SUMMER 20XX TIMETABLE

NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE A FAR MORE IMPRESSIVE LINEUP...

...FUNBOOK.

THERE'S NO BETTER BAND TO SERVE AS OUR SUCKER PUNCH.

THESE KIDS FILLED THE BUDOKAN TO CAPACITY ALL ON THEIR OWN.

SPLOOOSH

HEY, ICHIGO! HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA PLAY AROUND? THE FESTIVAL'S STARTING!

ZOOSH

ZOOSH

WELL, THE BEACH IS FOR SWIMMING!!

YEAH!!!

UH-- OUR BAD.

JEEZ... NOTHING BUT IDIOTS AROUND HERE.

PSHOO

PLISH...

HM?

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♫

...

A PIANO?

THAT ARRANGE-MENT...

RATTLE

WE'RE DONE BRINGING SPECTATORS IN!!

OH! THANKS SO MUCH!

THE WORK ALWAYS GOES FASTER WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE USED TO IT.

運営本部

SIGN: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

WE REALLY DO. BUT--

WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU BEING IN CHARGE OF OUR VOLUNTEER STAFF, SAKURA-CHAN.

EH HEH HEH!

YOU REALLY *DO* LOOK LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON.

YOU LOOK A LOT DIFFERENT...

...FROM WHEN WE SAW YOU IN KYUSHU.

BLUE SUMMER

BLUE SUMMER

I DECIDED TO LIVE MY OWN LIFE, LIKE YUU-KUN SAID.

NOT AS A COPY OF FUUKA AKITSUKI, BUT AS SAKURA KAWABATA!

YEAH!

I THINK THAT SUITS YOU A LOT BETTER. YOU LOOK CUTE.

REALLY?! I'M SO GLAD!!

WOW, YOU TWO OUGHT TO JUST HOOK UP ALREADY!!

STOMP

GAH!!

HMPH!

SO...

ABOUT HOW MANY PEOPLE DO WE HAVE IN THE AUDIENCE?

STAFF

STAFF

OH, WELL--

I'D SAY IT'S A FAIRLY DECENT TURNOUT...

BUT ZETA MUSIC'S FESTIVAL LOOKED A LOT MORE PACKED.

I SEE.

THEY'RE SO POPULAR NOW THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THEM.

OF COURSE THAT WOULD HAVE A HUGE IMPACT.

I GUESS THAT'S NO SURPRISE. THEY'VE GOT FUNBOOK FOR THEIR OPENING ACT.

...

WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO TO GRUMBLE ABOUT IT?

IT'S ALREADY STARTED. SO ALL WE CAN DO IS GET TO WORK.

YEAH, I KNOW. BUT--

I DIDN'T SEE ANYONE LAST NIGHT WHO LOOKED THE PART.

I DON'T KNOW, EITHER.

THE PRESIDENT WON'T TELL US.

IT'S BEEN KEPT A SECRET ALL THIS TIME.

BY THE WAY, WHO'S THE OPENING ACT HERE?

THEY INSISTED ON BEING IN THE FESTIVAL.

OH-- IT'S SOME MUSICIANS I KNOW.

I'M... WORRIED.

CAN WE *REALLY* COME OUT AHEAD OF ZETA MUSIC'S FESTIVAL?

THIS SOUNDS A LOT LIKE A LAST RESORT.

I MEAN, WOULDN'T KEEPING IT A SECRET MAKE YOU MORE CURIOUS, RATHER THAN THROWING OUT A NAME YOU DON'T KNOW?

...NO ONE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT BLUE WELLS AT ALL BY THE TIME THIS FESTIVAL'S OVER.

CAN'T SAY... BUT IT JUST MIGHT BE THAT...

THA--

...

...

FUUKA...

THAT WON'T HAPPEN!!

NO MATTER WHO WE'RE UP AGAINST...

...WE'RE GOING TO WIN.

...

OF COURSE!

YEP!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GET GOING!

WHAT? BUT BLUE WELLS ISN'T UP YET.

WE WANT TO SEE THE OTHER BANDS.

THEY'RE OUR RIVALS, AFTER ALL!

YEP!

HE'S GOT HIS GAME FACE ON!

...

BLUE SUMMER

SLAM

YAMMER

IT'S ABOUT TO START!

I WONDER WHO THE OPENING ACT IS?

YAMMER

WHAT IS THIS BACKGROUND MUSIC THEY'VE BEEN PLAYING, ANYWAY?

I KNOW I'VE HEARD THIS BEFORE.

UH... WHO WAS IT AGAIN?

I CAN'T TELL FROM THE PIANO ALONE.

THAT AMAYA'S SUCH A TROUBLEMAKER, ASKING ME TO MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THAT.

NAH, WHAT'S SO AMAZING IS THAT YOU CAN PULL IT OFF EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE AN ENGINEER.

BUT--

WHY...?

HEY, YUU-KUN...

IS THIS SONG--

...YEAH.

HUH?

WHAT WAS?

PRESIDENT! WASN'T THAT A MEAN THING TO SAY?

NO MATTER HOW TRUE IT MIGHT BE!

OH...

THAT WASN'T WHAT I MEANT.

I MEAN--! NO MATTER HOW AMAZING ZETA MUSIC'S LINEUP IS...

...YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY THAT NO ONE WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT BLUE WELLS BY THE END!!

BLUESUMM

HUH?

...TALKING ABOUT ZETA MUSIC, EITHER.

THERE MIGHT NOT BE ANYONE...

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?!

WHAT?! BUT WHY?!

H-HEY... THIS SONG IS DEFINITELY...

WE'RE READY !!

STAFF

HEY, Y'ALL READY?!

WE'RE GONNA BLOW THE ROOF OFF THE PLACE!

SQRK

WHOEVER'S UP AFTER THESE GUYS...

...SHEESH.

NOW...

TIME FOR ONE HELL OF A SUCKER PUNCH.

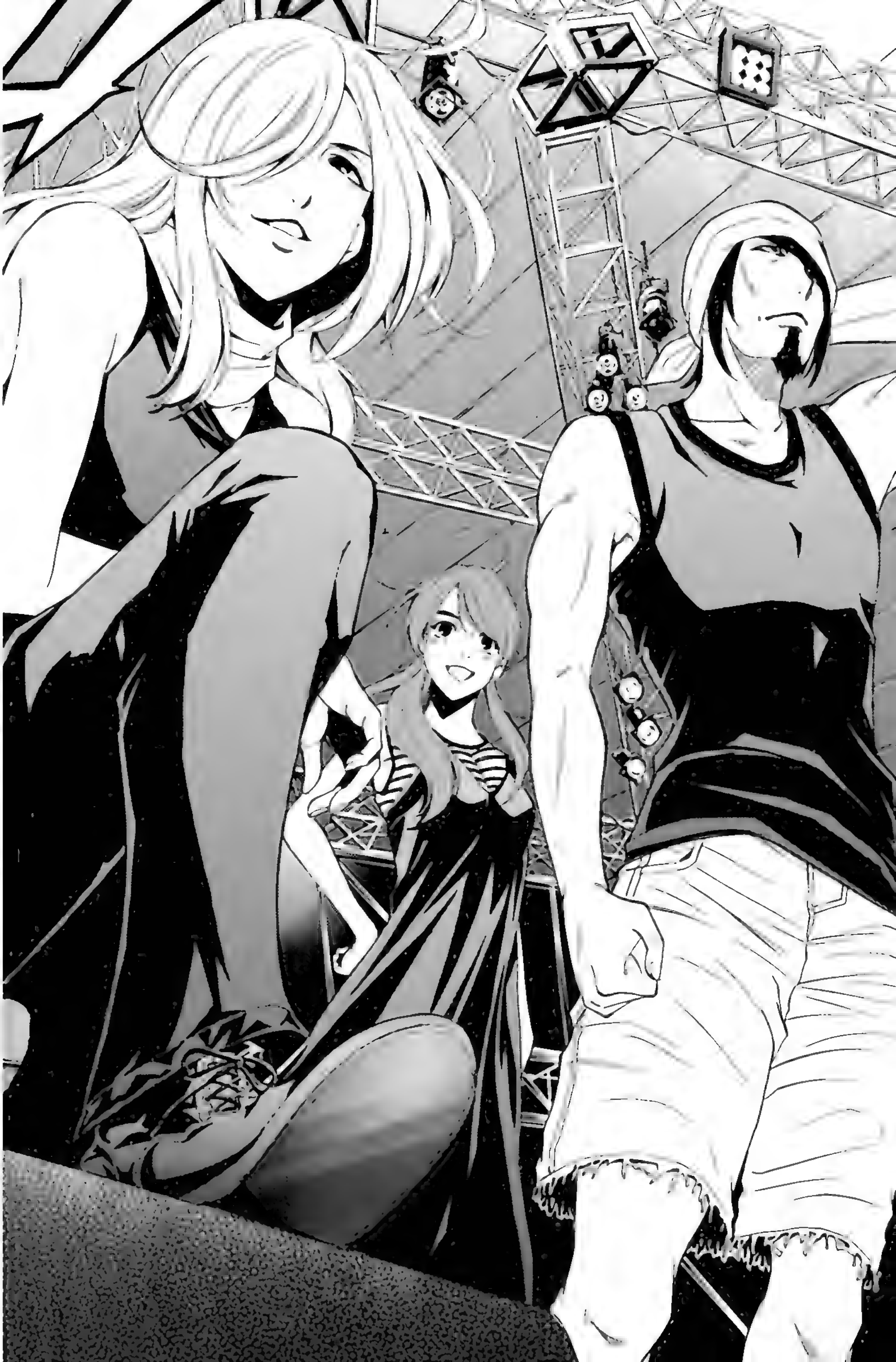
HUH?

NO WAY.

TMP

TMP

...SURE HAS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY.



SHWOOOM

POP
OUR OPENING ACT--!!
THE HEDGE-HOGS !!!!

OUR OPENING ACT--!!

THE HEDGE-HOGS !!!!

180 COMEBACK!

HOW-

...

WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?!

MY BROTHER DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.

WHAT?! THE HEDGE-HOGS?!

WOOOOO

NEITHER DID TOMOMI-SAN.

WHA-- TO-MOMI-SAN?!

NO WAY!! IS IT REALLY THEM?!

BUT--

TAMA'S VOICE IS--

AWE-SOME!!

I JUST WANT...

...TO FIGHT!!

WE JUST FINISHED AN AMAZING SONG.

I'M CONFIDENT WE COULD TAKE ON ANYONE!

THAT'S WHY I WANT LOTS OF PEOPLE THERE WATCHING SO WE CAN PROVE...

HMPH.

HM?

YOU WANT TO TAKE THOSE KIDS ON NOW, DON'T YOU?

...

YOU WANT TO TAKE THOSE KIDS ON NOW, DON'T YOU?

YEAH, RIGHT.

I HAVE NO ATTACH-MENT LEFT TO THE BAND.

SQUEEK

I COULD NEVER MARRY A GUY WHO LIES.

WHA--

...A GOOD IDEA.

TMP

TMP

I HAVE...

SOMEONE ELSE IS COMING OUT.

HUH?

?!

YEAH, SHE CUT HER HAIR, BUT IT'S DEFINITELY...

MURMUR

MURMUR

HEY, ISN'T THAT--

TAMA-CHAN?!

TA--

THWACK

...

...

...

...

IS SHE GOING TO SING IN TAMA'S PLACE?!

DIDN'T KOYUKI HINASHI RETIRE?!

WAIT-- WHAT? WHAT'S GOING ON?!

...THAT NO BAND RESONATES IN YOUR HEART...

...

...RIGHT HERE, MORE THAN BLUE WELLS!!

I WANT TO FACE OFF AGAINST NIKO-KUN IN A BAND, TOO.

WHAT IS THIS I'M FEEL-ING?

IT'S SO FRUS-TRAT-ING.

HUH?

TAMA-SAN

BZZZ BZZZ

BUT--

BRING THE HEDGEHOGS BACK WITH KOYUKI HINASHI AS THE VOCALIST?!

WHAT?!

I'M AGAINST THIS!!

DON'T BE DUMB!!

TH-THAT MIGHT BE KIND OF--

...YEAH.

YOU HEARD THEM. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

...

YOU'RE THE ONLY VOCALIST OF THE HEDGE-HOGS.

NO ONE CAN REPLACE YOU.

...

I'M NOT REPLACING HER!

I'M... JUST ME!!

YAMMER

WAIT, BUT ISN'T SHE A FORMER IDOL?!

YAMMER

CAN SHE EVEN SING ROCK STUFF LIKE THE HEDGE-HOGS?!

THEN PLEASE PUT ME TO THE TEST, HERE AND NOW!!

FIND OUT WHETHER I CAN SING FOR THE HEDGEHOGS OR NOT!!

WHEN I FIRST GOT TO KNOW THIS BAND...

...THEIR SONGS WERE MY SALVATION.

IN THE SADDEST MOMENTS OF MY LIFE...

...MY HEART RACED.

...AND MADE THEM MY GOAL.

THAT'S WHY I ADMIRED THEM...

YES.

I BELIEVE...

I SWORE...

...THAT I'D SURPASS THEM SOMEDAY.

LET'S DO THIS!!

CLIMBER'S HIGH!!!

...IT WAS ALL FOR THIS DAY!!

HER VOICE ISN'T THE SAME AS TAMA-CHAN, BUT IT HAS A LOT OF IMPACT.

I SEE... SO THIS IS WHAT JAPAN'S TOP SONGSTRESS CAN DO.

BUT WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES YOU NEED TO CONVINCE.

YOU HAVE TO CONVINCE EVERY LAST PERSON HERE...

...THAT YOU'RE WORTHY OF BEING THE HEDGEHOGS' VOCALIST!

ROOOOAAAAR

WOOOO

SHIVER

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

#181 SUCCESSION.

WHAT?! WHY IS THIS HAPPENING ALL OF A SUDDEN?

PRESIDENT, WE HAVE A PROBLEM!!

MORE GUESTS ARE ASKING FOR DAY PASSES AND MOVING OVER TO THE OTHER FESTIVAL!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?! WHY AREN'T MORE PEOPLE HERE TO SEE FUNBOOK'S CONCERT?!

I— I'M NOT SURE...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT MYSELF, BUT THE BAND THEY GOT FOR THEIR OPENING ACT...

WELL...

...IS THE HEDGE-HOGS, AND THEY'VE TEAMED UP...

...WITH KOYUKI HINASHI ON VOCALS!!

WOOOOO

SHE GRABBED THE HEARTS OF EVERYONE HERE IN JUST ONE PHRASE.

NO ONE THINKS OF YOU AS A REPLACEMENT ANYMORE.

I KNEW IT.

I KNEW SHE COULD DO IT.

...DAMN.

SHE'S A MON-STER.

YOU'RE KOYUKI HINASHI...

...VOCALIST OF THE HEDGEHOGS.

WO--

WOW.

TAMA-CHAN...

YOU REALLY DID BECOME TAMA.

LISTEN UP! YOU SUCK AT SINGING, BUT YOU HAVE A GORGEOUS VOICE!

THAT'S A TALENT YOU WERE BORN WITH, AND THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE HEDGEHOGS.

TAKE CARE OF IT!

WOOOO

KLAT

KLAT

I SWEAR I'LL BECOME AN EVEN BETTER VOCALIST THAN TAMA-SAN!

YES!! PLEASE LET ME DO IT!

HEY.

LONG TIME NO SEE.

!!

THEY'RE ALL WATCHING THE CONCERT.

NO ONE'S IN THE BACK YARD AT ALL.

MAN. JUST LOOK AT THIS.

...

YEAH.

WOOOO

THE HEDGEHOGS REALLY ARE AN AMAZING BAND.

...

YOU DID GREAT.

WOOOO

KO-YUKI!

THANK YOU, EVERY-ONE!

YOU ROCK!!

SING MORE!!

SEE YOU AGAIN !!

THIS FESTIVAL IS ALREADY A LEGEND!!

THAT WAS THE BEST THING EVER!

THE HEDGEHOGS AND KOYUKI HINASHI PLAYING A CONCERT TOGETHER!

I KNOW! IT'S MAKING ME CRY, TOO!!

WOOOO

WAAAH--! I'M SO GLAD I CAME!

YEAH.

THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE OUR FESTIVAL.

THAT'S... KIND OF FRUSTRATING.

THEIR SHOW REALLY WAS JUST THAT AMAZING.

BUT...

OF COURSE...

FEEL FREE TO STICK AROUND AND LISTEN TO THEM.

I GUESS THERE'LL BE A LOT OF YOUNG BANDS STEPPING UP TO CHALLENGE US AFTER THIS.

I DOUBT THERE'S ANY BAND...

...THAT CAN TOP US.

WHA --?

WHY DID A GIRL LIKE HER...

...GET TO TAKE TAMA'S PLACE?!

TO HELL WITH THAT.

FUCK!!

HMPH.

TALK ABOUT SAD.

IS THAT WHAT HE CALLS A JOKE?

YOU THINK YOU GUYS CAN STAY ON TOP FOREVER?!

YAMMER

YAMMER

DON'T TAKE US FOR FOOLS!

BUMP

...

YAMMER

YAMMER

HEDGEHOGS, MY ASS!! JUST WATCH US!

WE WON'T LOSE TO YOU! WE'RE GONNA PUMP UP THIS FESTIVAL MORE THAN ANYONE!!

YAMMER

YAMMER

!!

!!

IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE.

...TO CARRY ON OUR PASSION.

AND YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A GREAT SUCCESSOR...

...

THAT'S RIGHT.

YEAH.

#182 THE DREAM WE'D THROWN AWAY.

THEY SAID THEY WANTED TO BE IN THIS FESTIVAL SO THEY COULD COMPETE WITH YOU GUYS.

THE HEDGEHOGS CAME TO ME THEMSELVES AND ASKED TO DO THIS.

YEAH!! ALSO, WHY COULDN'T YOU HAVE JUST ANNOUNCED THAT?!

YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD US! WE WANTED TO WATCH FROM THE AUDIENCE!

WE ASKED HER...

...NOT TO TELL ANYONE.

WELL, I WANTED TO, OF COURSE.

IT WOULD'VE BROUGHT A BIGGER AUDIENCE.

THEN WHY--

OH...

YAMMER

WE JUST WANTED THE CROWD AT THIS FESTIVAL TO HEAR US.

YAMMER

AS PARTICI-PANTS, AND NOTHING MORE.

HEY!! DON'T BE MEAN!

OTHERWISE, THE CROWD WOULD'VE BEEN PACKED WITH JUST OUR FANS.

AND THAT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO YOU GUYS, RIGHT?

B-BUT STILL...

UM... INSTEAD OF BEING THE OPENING ACT...

...IF YOU HAD JUST BEEN A LITTLE LATER IN THE LINEUP...

WHAT, ARE YOU AFRAID...

...THAT A LOT OF THE CROWD WILL LEAVE NOW?

I-- I WOULDN'T SAY THAT, BUT--!!

BUT!!

I MEAN, IT'S A PRETTY LONG TIME...

...UNTIL BLUE WELLS' SET, AND--

THAT WAS MY REQUEST.

I INSISTED ON THIS ORDER.

WHAT? WHY?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

BECAUSE IF FANS DID START TO LEAVE, IT WOULD MEAN THAT'S REALLY ALL THERE WAS TO THIS FESTIVAL.

BEATING ZETA MUSIC'S FESTIVAL WOULD END AS NO MORE THAN A PIPE DREAM.

BUT...

THIS PUTS A LOT OF PRESSURE ON THE SECOND BAND...

...

DAMN. THAT PRESIDENT AMAYA REALLY GOT US.

...THAT THE HEDGEHOGS WOULD BE PLAYING BEFORE US.

THE HELL? NO ONE BOTHER TO LET US KNOW...

HUH?

IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?

WE'RE JUST A WEEKEND BAND FROM NAGOYA AND A MUSIC PRODUCER.

THERE MUST'VE BEEN SOMEONE BETTER SUITED TO GO UP SECOND.

IS THAT WHAT WE WERE?

RATHER...

WHY DO YOU THINK THE PRESIDENT CHOSE US?

TEN YEARS AGO...

THE HEDGE-HOGS?

HUH?

...EVERY TIME WE STOOD ON STAGE?

WHAT WERE WE AIMING FOR...

JUST WATCH US, PRESIDENT!!

WE'LL BLAST BY THOSE GUYS IN NO TIME!

...WHEN SHE SENT US ON OUR WAY THAT DAY?

AND WHAT DID SHE SAY TO US...

I EXPECT ONLY THE BEST.

OF COURSE.

THIS IS OUR FIRST STEP TOWARD TAKING DOWN THE HEDGE-HOGS!!

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO!!

...

...

...

I'M TELLING YOU THAT I'LL BE GOING SECOND!!

I HAVE TO SHOW EVERYONE HOW MUCH BETTER THE WORLD'S TOP DIVA IS THAN THAT VOCALIST!!

I DON'T CARE! JUST CHANGE THE LINEUP RIGHT NOW!!

B-BUT WE CAN'T--

I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF THAT SO-CALLED BAND!!

WHO'S GONNA BE HAPPY TO SEE THAT GOING UP NEXT?!

BUT--

I DON'T CARE OF THEY'RE A CANARY OR A FINCH!!

GRAB

...

HEY...

LET'S STICK TO THE LINEUP, YEAH?

WHA--

KANARIA-SAN, IT'S TIME! PLEASE TAKE YOUR PLACES!
YEP.
AH... HEY!!

HEH.
BRING IT ON.

I EXPECT ONLY THE BEST.
OF COURSE.

YAMMER

YAMMER

SO WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO NOW?

EVERYONE!! SINCE YOU'RE HERE, YOU MIGHT AS WELL WATCH THE NEXT ACT!

THEY'LL MAKE THINGS EVEN MORE EXCITING!!

HEAD BACK TO ZETA MUSIC'S FESTIVAL?

WE'VE GOT WRIST-BANDS.

YEAH, WE CAN COME BACK ONCE SHELLEY OR COLT COMES OUT.

OH, NO...

THE CROWD REALLY IS STARTING TO LEAVE!

DON'T WORRY.

B-BUT...

AWW!

IT WON'T BE LONG. JUST WAIT, OKAY?

I WANNA SEE DADDY!!

HEY, WHEN'S DADDY'S BAND COMING OUT?!

CLANK

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CLANK

WE GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO GO AFTER THE DREAM WE'D THROWN AWAY.

WE'RE SOME LUCKY GUYS.

DON'T GO WUSSING OUT, MOGAMI.

...WE ONLY GET ONE CHANCE AT THIS DREAM. WE CAN'T BLOW IT.

THE ONLY THING IS...

TEN YEARS... YOU HAVEN'T SPENT ALL THAT TIME SLEEPING, HAVE YOU?

WE'RE GONNA FLY...

...EVEN HIGHER THAN WE DID BACK THEN!

WANNA EAT BEFORE THE LINES GET TOO LONG?

GOOD IDEA.

HEY, NOW! WHERE DO YOU GUYS THINK YOU'RE GOING?!

OH! THERE'S DADDY!!

DADDY!

YOU DAMN WELL BETTER LISTEN TO OUR SONG!!

WAIT! ISN'T THAT AKIRA MOGAMI WITH THEM?!

KANARIA, WAS IT? NEVER HEARD OF THEM.

WHO'S THAT? THE NEXT BAND?

SHOW THOSE FANS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE...

NOW...

...THE MOMENT A CANARY SPREADS ITS WINGS...

...AND TAKES OFF FOR THE OPEN SKIES!!

183 TO HELL WITH THAT!

WOOOO

I'M TOTALLY GONNA START GOING TO THEIR CONCERTS!!

I'M GLAD I DIDN'T LEAVE!

KANARIA IS AMAZING!!

HOW CAN A BAND THIS AWESOME NOT BE MORE POPULAR?!

...YOU GUYS ARE HERE.

THANK GOOD-NESS...

...IS BETTER THAN ANY THEY'VE EVER DONE.

KANARIA'S PERFORMANCE TODAY...

I'M SERIOUSLY IMPRESSED.
THEY EACH HAVE THEIR OWN JOBS AND PLAY IN A BAND ON WEEKENDS...

...

DUDE, IT'S NOT EVEN TIME YET.
WHO CARES ABOUT SOME BUDDY-BUDDY BAND? LET'S GO.

THAT JUST SHOWS HOW MUCH THEY LOVE THEIR BAND.
WHEN ALL'S SAID AND DONE, THOSE THREE REALLY GET ALONG GREAT.

...

...

JEEZ.

HE'S AS SELF-CENTERED AS EVER.

GUESS WE GOTTA GO.

I WISH I COULD STAY AND WATCH MORE, THOUGH.

WOO

YOU THINK WE HAVE TIME TO STAND AROUND WATCHING OUR RIVALS?

WE'RE UP NEXT.

YOU'RE LEAVING?

YEAH, TO MAKE THE BEST STEPPING STONE WE CAN...

...OUT OF YOUR LITTLE FESTIVAL.

THOSE TWO ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO'VE EVER BEEN HAPPY TO JUST SHUT UP AND FOLLOW ME

I CAN'T LET THOSE GUYS HEAR US TALKING ABOUT THAT.

THEY SAID I COULD TRY BEING AN ACTOR OR TV PERSONALITY.

I GOT AN OFFER TO DEBUT AS A SOLO ARTIST.

HMPH.

WELL...

GOOD LUCK.

OH!

...

OH, CUT IT OUT!

JUST COME ON!!

WOO

THAT'S JUST NOT RIGHT!!

HUH?! WHY SHOULD WE DO THAT?!

WOO

C'MON, YUU-KUN, LET'S WATCH LE BARD FROM UP FRONT!

UH... SLICK?

HEY, WHAT WAS THAT SLICK LITTLE EXCHANGE ALL ABOUT?!

THAT'S JUST NOT RIGHT!

桐島食堂

SIGN: KIRISHIMA KITCHEN

JEEZ, RIN!!

WHAT'S THIS?! ARE YOU CRYING?!

桐島食堂

WE'LL BE SWAMPED ONCE IT'S MEAL TIME!!

SHUT UP!! IT'S ONLY 10 AM!

HEY, HARUTO-SAN.

HIS "MOHINGA" IS SUPER GOOD!!

IT'LL BE FINE!! HARUTO-SAN'S COOKING IS THE BEST IN THE WORLD!!

HEY, CAN I GO WATCH LE BARD PLAY?

YOU JUST WANNA SAY WEIRD NAMES, DON'T YOU?!

HUH?! WAS IT "KADINB UDU KÖFTE," THEN?!

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?! NEVER HEARD OF THAT DISH BEFORE!!

WE'RE NOT GETTING ANY CUSTOMERS. ARE WE GONNA BE OKAY?

WOOOOO

W-WAS AKAGI ALWAYS THAT PASSIONATE DURING HIS CONCERTS?

THIS DOESN'T REALLY SEEM LIKE LE BARD.

YEAH--BUT IT'S GETTING THE CROWD REALLY PUMPED.

IN FACT, I THINK YUUGA-KUN...

...LOOKS EVEN COOLER THIS WAY.

WHY?! WHY, WHY?!

YOU DON'T GET TO SAY HE LOOKS COOL! THAT'S WRONG!!

OH, COME ON.

JUST WATCH THE CONCERT.

BUT!!

WOO

IBUKI'S BASS...

...AND NARUMI'S DRUMS ARE INCREDIBLE.

AND THAT MIGHT END UP HURTING THEM SOMEDAY.

I'M THE ONE WHO ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH.

...I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!

NO MATTER WHAT...

WHATEVER HAPPENS, I CAN'T LET THESE GUYS SUFFER!!

WOOO

ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY IS ON ME.

THIS NEXT SONG IS OUR LAST ONE!!

THANK YOU!!

SO DON'T MAKE THAT FACE. THEN.

THEY PUT ON A REALLY GOOD SHOW.

WHAT THE HECK...

HUH?

YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN ONCE TODAY! DO SOME WORK!

BASSIST, IBUKI!

OKAY, BEFORE WE GET TO THE NEXT SONG...

WELL--OKAY, IT'S NOT REALLY MY "THOUGHTS," BUT HERE'S SOMETHING...

HMM...

MY THOUGHTS?

MIND IF WE GIVE OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS FESTIVAL?

YUUGA AKAGI IS ACTUALLY GOING TO DEBUT AS A SOLO ARTIST...

...SO THIS MIGHT BE THE LAST TIME WE PERFORM AS A BAND.

A SOLO ARTIST?!

THEY KNEW.

HUH?

HUH? WHAT?

WHAT DOES HE MEAN?

LE BARD'S BREAK-ING UP?

...BUT YUUGA'S AN AMAZING GUY WITH A LOT OF TALENT. SO I HOPE YOU'LL ALL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HIM.

WE'VE HELD HIM BACK FOR A LONG TIME BY NOT BEING GOOD ENOUGH...

...WAIT.

BEING IN A BAND WITH YOU FOR TWO YEARS HAS BEEN LIKE AN AWESOME DREAM.

NARUMI AND I ARE BOTH REALLY GRATEFUL.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR SOLO CAREER, YEAH?

TO--

...

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?!

HANG ON A SECOND!!

WHAT? IT'S MY LAST WORDS AS A MEMBER OF LE BARD.

TO HELL WITH THAT!!

WHO SAID YOU COULD SAY ALL THAT?!

THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU MEAN.

COME ON...

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW I FEEL.

BUT THE PRESIDENT SAID IT WAS ALREADY DECIDED.

WHO CARES ?!

IF THE PRESIDENT TOLD YOU TO DIE, WOULD YOU KILL YOURSELF?!

WHEN DID I SAY I WAS QUITTING THE BAND?! I'M NOT DEBUTING AS A SOLO ARTIST!

QUIT BEING SO CHILDISH!!

YOU'LL BE POPULAR NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, RIGHT?!

SO STOP GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY FOR OUR SAKES!!

THAT'S RIGHT, I WILL BE!!

WHY...

WHY WOULD YOU HAVE TO DO THAT?!

WHAT?! THAT'S SCREWED UP!!

WHY ISN'T IT GETTING THROUGH TO YOU, DAMN IT?!

IT'S NOT SCREWED UP.

IF IT'D BRING ME POPULARITY, I'D QUIT THE AGENCY...

...AND KEEP THE BAND GOING, EVEN IF I HAD TO WORK PART-TIME ON THE SIDE!!

!!

BECAUSE I WANT TO BE IN THIS BAND WITH YOU GUYS!!

NOW THAT...

...IS WHAT YOU SHOULD'VE SAID FROM THE START.

TMP

TMP

SPAAANG

DON'T KICK ME OUT ON MY OWN!!

WE NEED TO GET TO OUR LAST SONG. WE'RE ON A SCHEDULE, YOU KNOW.

COULD YOU GUYS STOP FLIRTING NOW?

WE'RE NOT --!

WHA--

...

ROOOAR

DON'T QUIT, YUUGA!!

WE WANNA SEE MORE LE BARD CONCERTS!!

KEEP THE BAND GOING!! WE'LL ROOT FOR YOU!!

YO...

EVERY-THING I JUST SAID...

MUMBLE

...WAS A LIE TO MAKE ME MORE POPULAR.

HA HA.

I FIGURED.

ALL RIGHT, HERE'S OUR LAST SONG!!

I'M NOT GONNA QUIT, SO YOU GUYS BETTER KEEP FOLLOWING US FOREVER!

WOOOO

184 A FESTIVAL WHERE YOU LIVE.

WOW!!

THIS IS AMAZINGLY GOOD, JUST LIKE THE RUMORS SAID!

ANYWAY, I HEARD YOU'RE WORKIN' HARD TO KEEP UP THE BAND YA STARTED WITH YOUR LATE GIRLFRIEND.

I HAD A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE MYSELF, SO I TOTALLY GET YA.

Sign: Kirishima Kitchen

I'M SO HAPPY THAT THE MOST POPULAR VENDOR FROM THE HEDGE-HOGS' FESTIVAL IS HERE FOR OURS, TOO.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING!

NAH, WE'RE REALLY NOT THAT BIG A DEAL.

ALL RIGHT !!

I'LL WORK JUST AS HARD AS Y'ALL, THEN!

AND WE'LL SEE WHO COMES OUT ON TOP!!

YEAH.

SO I HAVE TO GIVE MY ALL AT THIS FESTIVAL FOR HER SAKE, TOO.

YEAH!

Sign: Kirishima Kitchen

SURE!

COME BACK WHENEVER YA GET HUNGRY! I'LL MAKE YA MY SPECIAL OKONOMIYAKI!

桐島食堂

WELL, I NEED TO GET GOING. THANKS AGAIN!

"WE'LL SEE WHO COMES OUT ON TOP." HUH?

"FLINCH"

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ACTUALLY SAID THAT. TALK ABOUT SAD.

W-WELL, CUSTOMERS WILL START COMIN' IN DROVES SOON!

JUST GIVE IT A LITTLE LONGER.

...

YOU REALLY THINK SO?

Sign: Fried Pork Skewers Ecchan

BUT THAT "FRIED PORK SKEWERS ECCHAN" PLACE OVER THERE HAS HAD A HUGE LINE THIS WHOLE TIME.

A BUNCH OF THE PARTICIPATING ARTISTS WERE POSTING ABOUT THEM ON INSTAGRAM, AFTER ALL.

THEIR FOOD CAN'T BEAT OURS WHEN IT COMES TO FLAVOR!

PFFFT

YOU GUYS ARE ALL JUST A BUNCH OF BANDWAGON JUMPERS!

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BUT—

DON'T BE DUMB!

I CAN'T MAKE MY WIFE AND HER KID SISTER WORK WHILE I GO GOOF OFF!

HEY, HARUTO-KUN. WHY DON'T YOU GO CHECK OUT THE FESTIVAL AS A CHANGE OF PACE?

RIN!!

HRRGH!!

WHAT'S THE PROB-LEM?

NO ONE'S COMING, ANYWAY.

RIN AND I WILL LOOK AFTER THE STALL

食堂

OH!

OF COURSE!!

EXCUSE ME, I'D LIKE FOUR OKONOMI-YAKI, PLEASE!

BEAM

YO! WORKING HARD?

WE CAME TO SEE YOU! IT'S BEEN SO LONG!

IT'S JUST YOU GUYS.

AW, HECK.

YOU'RE SUCH SCUM. AS ALWAYS.

JUST HURRY UP AND MAKE OUR FOOD. WILL YA? WE'RE CUSTOM-ERS!

BEAT IT. STORE OWNERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR CUSTOM-ERS.

WE'LL PAY HOWEVER MUCH YA WANT!

相島食堂

YEAH!

OH. SHUT UP.

HEY. IS THAT THE REACTION YOU GIVE US AFTER WE CAME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE YOU?

HEY, KIRI-SHIMA-KUN!

I CAME UP WITH A NEW IDEA FOR A DESSERT. WANT TO ADD IT TO YOUR MENU?

UH-- I'LL JUST ACCEPT THE SENTIMENT, NANAMI-SAN.

SEE, TODAY'S A REALLY IMPORTANT DAY.

WHAT DOES *THAT* MEAN?!

COME ON, PLEASE! I'M IN REAL TROUBLE!

I'M TELLING YOU, I CAN'T!

JUST A LITTLE WOULD BE FINE!!

CAN'T DO IT! WE DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TO SPARE OURSELVES!

ISN'T THAT THE OWNER OF FRIED PORK SKEWERS ECCHAN?

YEAH, IT IS.

WONDER WHAT'S UP...

HEY!!

!!

HEY.

IS SOMETHIN' THE MATTER HERE?

Shirt: Fried Pork Skewers Ecchan

YOU'RE FROM THE STALL THAT'S SELLIN' HIROSHIMA-YAKI, AREN'T YA?!

HUH?

WE SERVE OKONO-MIYAKI.

RIGHT, HIRO-SHIMA-YAKI!

IT'S OKONO-MIYAKI.

IT DOESN'T MATTER!! I'M SORRY TO ASK, BUT COULD YA LEND ME SOME CABBAGE?!

WE'RE GETTIN' MORE CUSTOMERS THAN EXPECTED, AND WE'RE RUNNIN' LOW!! I ASKED OUR SUPPLIER FOR MORE, BUT THEY SAID IT'D TAKE TIME.

SURE!

WE'RE RUNNING A BUSINESS, TOO. WE DON'T HAVE A SINGLE LEAF OF CABBAGE TO GIVE A RIVAL.

HEY, ARE YOU REALLY *THAT* DUMB?

WHA—

HUH?!

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? NOBODY'S COMIN' HERE ANYWAY.

WAIT, HARUTO-SAN!! ARE YOU CRAZY?!

THANKS A BUNCH!!

ONCE MY SUPPLIER COMES 'ROUND, I'LL BRING IT RIGHT BACK. JUST HANG TIGHT!

Boxes: Cabbage

WHUMP

WE GOTTA HELP EACH OTHER OUT, RIGHT? I'VE GOT TEN BOXES, SO TAKE ALL YA LIKE!

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WHA— REALLY?!

TALK ABOUT DUMB...

AND WITH SUCH GOOD LOOKS.

I DIDN'T GIVE 'EM TO HIM. HE'S GONNA PAY ME BACK WHEN HIS SHOWS UP.

JEEZ, YOU'RE WAY TOO SOFT-HEARTED.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GAVE HIM EVERY BOX.

SURE! IF OTAFUKU SAUCE IS OKAY, THEN HELP YOURSELF!

I'VE SENT HIM TO BUY MORE, BUT-- WELL...

MY PART-TIMER BROKE ALL THE TAKOYAKI SAUCE BOTTLES.

UH-- EXCUSE ME! COULD YOU HELP ME OUT, TOO?

THE ONE WHERE THE PROTAGONIST KEEPS GIVING HIS STUFF AWAY TO PEOPLE WHO COME TO HIM PLAYING THE VICTIM?

I FEEL LIKE I'VE READ A CHIDREN'S STORY LIKE THIS BEFORE.

OUR STALL'S OUT OF FLOUR, TOO--

EXCUSE ME, WE BROKE ALL OUR EGGS.

I CAN REPAY YOU LATER...

TAKE IT! TAKE IT ALL!!

AND ONCE HE'S LEFT NAKED, THE PROTAGONIST FINALLY...

...HIS CLOTHES AND UNDER-WEAR...

THEY TOOK HIS BREAD, HIS HAT...

...
WHATEVER HAPPENS, HE CAN JUST LEAVE ME OUT OF IT.
...DIES BY THE ROADSIDE, LEAVING ONLY RESENTFUL WORDS BEHIND.
W-WAS THAT HOW THE STORY WENT?
WOOO
WOOO
THIS IS IT, RIGHT?
YEAH, IT SAYS KIRISHIMA KITCHEN.
SKSSH
SKSSH
WE'D LIKE TWO OF THE SPECIAL OKONO-MIYAKI, PLEASE!
UH, SORRY, BUT I'M SHORT ON INGREDIENTS RIGHT NOW.

ER...

IF YOU CAN WAIT JUST A BIT--

CROWD

THREE OKONO-MIYAKI, PLEASE!

TACO RICE FOR ME, PLEASE!!

CROWD

THE STALL YUU HARUNA TWEETED ABOUT AND SAID WAS REALLY GOOD!!

OH. THIS IS THE PLACE!

WHAT DO YOU THINK? WE CAN EAT SOMEWHERE ELSE.

THE NEXT BAND STARTS SOON!

YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE IT READY?!

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WAIT?!

THE FIVE-SKEWER SET, WITH EXTRA CAB-BAGE!!

HERE YA GO!

UGH --!

I'LL HAVE TO GET MY STUFF BACK.

Sign: Takoyaki

たこ焼き

IT'D BE WRONG TO ASK THEM TO GIVE IT BACK NOW.

STEP RIGHT UP!

NO. I CAN'T DO THAT.

I DIDN'T EXPECT PEOPLE TO SUDDENLY START SHOWIN' UP.

DAMN IT.

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

THAT WON'T WORK! WE'D NEVER GET BACK IN TIME!

IT SHOULD AT LEAST HELP A LITTLE!

WANT US TO GO BUY INGREDI-ENTS?!

HUH?

IT'LL BE FINE.

...THE STARS RAIN DOWN GOLD COINS.

IN THE END OF THAT STORY...

SORRY WE'RE LATE!

WHAT DID I TELL YOU?

PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW THE RIGHT WAY TO GO ABOUT LIFE GET USED UNTIL THEY END UP DEAD.

WE'RE HERE...

...WITH ALL OF YOUR INGREDIENTS!

AND MANA-CHAN... WAIT--

SH-SHIHO-SAN!

YUZUKI-CHAN GAVE US A CALL.

SHE ASKED IF WE COULD SPARE SOME INGREDIENTS.

OUR RESTAURANT OPERATES OUT OF A BEACH HOUSE NEAR HERE EVERY SUMMER.

A MASTER CAN'T LEAVE HER PUPIL HIGH AND DRY WHEN HE NEEDS HELP, RIGHT?

I BROUGHT A TRUCKLOAD, SO TAKE ALL YA NEED!

YOU GUYS—

ALL RIGHT! WE'LL HELP CARRY IT OVER!

SIT TIGHT, HARU-TO!!

YOU JUST HURRY UP AND START COOKIN'!!

GET TO WORK!! DIDN'T I TEACH YA NOT TO KEEP CUSTOMERS WAITIN'?!

OH—! SORRY!!

HEY, I'VE...

...GROWN A LITTLE, YA KNOW.

TUG

I WORRY ABOUT YOU DOIN' THIS ON YOUR OWN.

YOU SHOULD OBSERVE MY WORK AGAIN TO BRUSH UP.

YUZU-KI!

I'M GLAD THEY GOT HERE IN TIME!

WELL, AFTER ALL...

I MARRIED YOU BECAUSE I LOVE THAT SIDE OF YOU.

YOU SAVED MY HIDE.

YOU TOO, RIN-CHAN. THANKS FOR WORRYIN' ABOUT ME!

HUH?

HEY...

IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP?

I LIKE YOUR USUAL HATEFUL FACE MORE, HARUTO-SAN. IT LOOKS MORE HUMAN.

THIS FESTIVAL... IS SPONSORED BY THE BAND OUR DAUGHTER FOUNDED.

SO WE WANT TO HELP OUT HOWEVER WE CAN!

THANK YOU!

IN THAT CASE, WELCOME ABOARD!

...

GREAT! THANKS A LOT!!

HUH?!

I LOVE COOKING, SO JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!

THEN I'LL START BOILING EGGS FOR SALAD!

WAIT!! DON'T LET HER COOK!

HUH? BUT SHE SAID SHE LOVES TO--

BEEP

BUT NO ONE SAID SHE'S GOOD AT IT!

キュイイ・・・ン VWEEEEM...

WHOA!! KIRISHIMA KITCHEN BLEW UP!

BOOM

WOOOO

Furuka

WOOOO

Fuuka

185 AS RIVALS!

EVERYTHING'S GOING ALMOST TOO PERFECTLY!!

THE AUDIENCE IS GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER, TOO!!

COLT PYTHON, KAEDE AYANAMI...

AND THE LATEST HOT ARTIST, KIMIKA!!

HEH HEH HEH.

THAT'S NO PROBLEM.

THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN TAKE IT EASY.

ZETA MUSIC'S FESTIVAL IS STILL GOING STRONG, TOO.

THEIR LINEUP REALLY IS IMPRES-SIVE.

AFTER ALL, NEXT IN OUR LINEUP IS...

...

IS SOME-THING WRONG, YUU-KUN?

IT'S JUST... SHELLEY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HERSELF.

SHE MUST HAVE BEEN SHOCKED TO LEARN THAT KOYUKI-CHAN WAS THE NEW HEDGEHOGS VOCALIST.

SHE WAS A HUGE FAN, AFTER ALL.

WELL, I DON'T THINK THERE'S MUCH WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT.

THE WORLD'S TOP DIVA!!

SHELLEY HORNET!!

YES. I'M SORRY! THAT WAS MY OWN DECISION.

MY AGENCY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, SO--

UM... WHAT'S GOING ON WITH TAMA-CHAN?

THERE'S A BIT OF TROUBLE.

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR EXCUSES !!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?! HOW DARE YOU APPEAR IN THEIR FESTIVAL AFTER YOU WERE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN MINE?!

I WAS SURE THE NECESSARY DISCUS-SIONS HAD BEEN DONE, BUT--

I DID THIS AS KOYUKI HINASHI.

YOU'RE THE SAME PERSON INSIDE!! FORGET IT! I DON'T NEED TRAITORS IN MY FESTIVAL!!

MA'AM, I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! RABBITZ IS OUR HEADLINER !!

SHE CANCELED THEIR PERFORMANCE, EH?

SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO BE SUCH A JERK ABOUT IT. IT'S A FESTIVAL, Y'KNOW?

WELL, IT WAS KIND OF OUR FAULT FOR PUTTING HER IN THIS SITUATION.

WHO CARES?! THE FESTIVAL'S A HIT, ISN'T IT?!

EXCUSE ME...

...

SHELLEY ?

I'D LIKE TO ASK...

A FAVOR?

...FOR A FAVOR.

...

WHOOOOSH

OH. IT'S SO WINDY ALL OF A SUDDEN.

YEAH-- THEY DID SAY A TYPHOON WAS ON THE WAY.

I HOPE FUUKA WILL KEEP WATCHING OVER THIS PLACE...

...UNTIL THE FESTIVAL IS OVER, AT LEAST.

NO!!

I CAN'T AGREE TO THAT!!

...

BUT--! IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! IT'S UNHEARD OF!!

BUT, BUT!!

WHAT CHOICE DO WE HAVE?

EVERYONE IS SAYING THEY DON'T MIND.

JUST A BUNCH OF FOOLS.

EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM...

MURMUR

UH...

WAIT, IS THAT--?

HUH?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WELL, I'M CERTAINLY SURPRISED.

TO THINK WE'D GET THIS IN EXCHANGE FOR RABBITZ WITHDRAW-ING.

AH HA HA HA!! HAS THIS EVER HAPPENED BEFORE?!

IT'S A MIRACLE! IT'S USING SMALL FRY TO CATCH A BIG FISH!!

SO RABBITZ IS FINALLY UP NEXT!

ZETA REALLY GOT NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR THEIR FESTIVAL!!

SHELLEY HORNET FEATUR-ING...

WHAAAT ?!

WOOOOO

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

...THE HEDGE-HOGS!!!

WHAT THE HECK?! THIS IS AWESOME !

...AND TAKE THE PLACE OF RABBITZ IN ZETA MUSIC'S FESTIVAL?!

BA-DUM

BA-DUM

YOU WANT TO TEAM UP WITH THE HEDGE-HOGS...

LOOK...

YOU DON'T REALLY THINK THAT'S GOING TO FLY, DO YOU?

H-HOW CAN YOU EVEN SAY THAT?!

IT'S THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL-- TWO HOURS BEFORE YOUR TURN, EVEN!! THERE'S NO WAY!

E SUMMER

BWAH HA HA!! THIS IS FREAKIN' AMAZING !!

I'M DYING HERE !!

...

I KNOW IT'S A RECKLESS THING TO ASK, AND I KNOW IT'S THE WRONG WAY TO THINK.

AND I KNOW HOW MUCH CARE AND EFFORT YOU'VE ALL PUT INTO THIS FESTIVAL...

THEN HOW COULD YOU SUGGEST SUCH A THING?!

DO YOU WANT TO DESTROY OUR FESTIVAL?!

BUT AS A MUSICIAN, I STILL WANT A CHANCE TO PERFORM WITH THE BAND I'VE ALWAYS LOOKED UP TO!!

AND I WANT TO PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT AGAINST BLUE WELLS...

...NOT AS FELLOW ARTISTS, BUT AS RIVALS!!

...

SO...

I'M BEGGING YOU.

PLEASE LET ME DO THIS.

SHEL-LEY...

B-BUT...

WHAT DO WE DO FOR OUR OWN FESTIVAL, THEN?!

...

...HUH?

IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, WE'D LIKE TO DO IT.

WE'LL NEVER FIND ANOTHER ARTIST TO TAKE YOUR PLACE NOW.

OUR AGENCY WILL NEGOTIATE WITH ZETA MUSIC.

SO WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF I PARTICIPATED AGAIN, WITH RABBITZ?

IT'S NOT IDEAL FOR US AS THE SPONSORS OF THE FESTIVAL...

...BUT SHELLEY AND THE HEDGEHOGS HAVE BOTH BEEN LIKE MENTORS TO US.

SO...

SURE.

...!

KO-YUKI...

I THINK THEY'LL BE MORE THAN GOOD ENOUGH...

...AS SOMEONE FOR US TO SURPASS.

SURPASS ?

HUH?!

WHAT?

...

TWITCH

I SWEAR...

I HATE IT WHEN YOU MAKE THAT FACE!

HA HA!

THIS KID REALLY IS INTEREST-ING!!

THAT'S WHAT I THINK, TOO!!

ME TOO, ACTUALLY.

THE OLDER GENERATION SHOULD REALIZE THEIR TIME IS OVER.

SO WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE.

DON'T GET COCKY...

...YOU LITTLE BRATS.

I DON'T RECALL TEACHING YOU THAT.

MA-KUN...

YOU'VE GONE AND MADE ME ANGRY.

HEH.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE GOT SOME GUTS NOW.

WE WILL !!

FINE, THEN! COME AT US WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT...

...BLUE WELLS!!

WHOOOOSH

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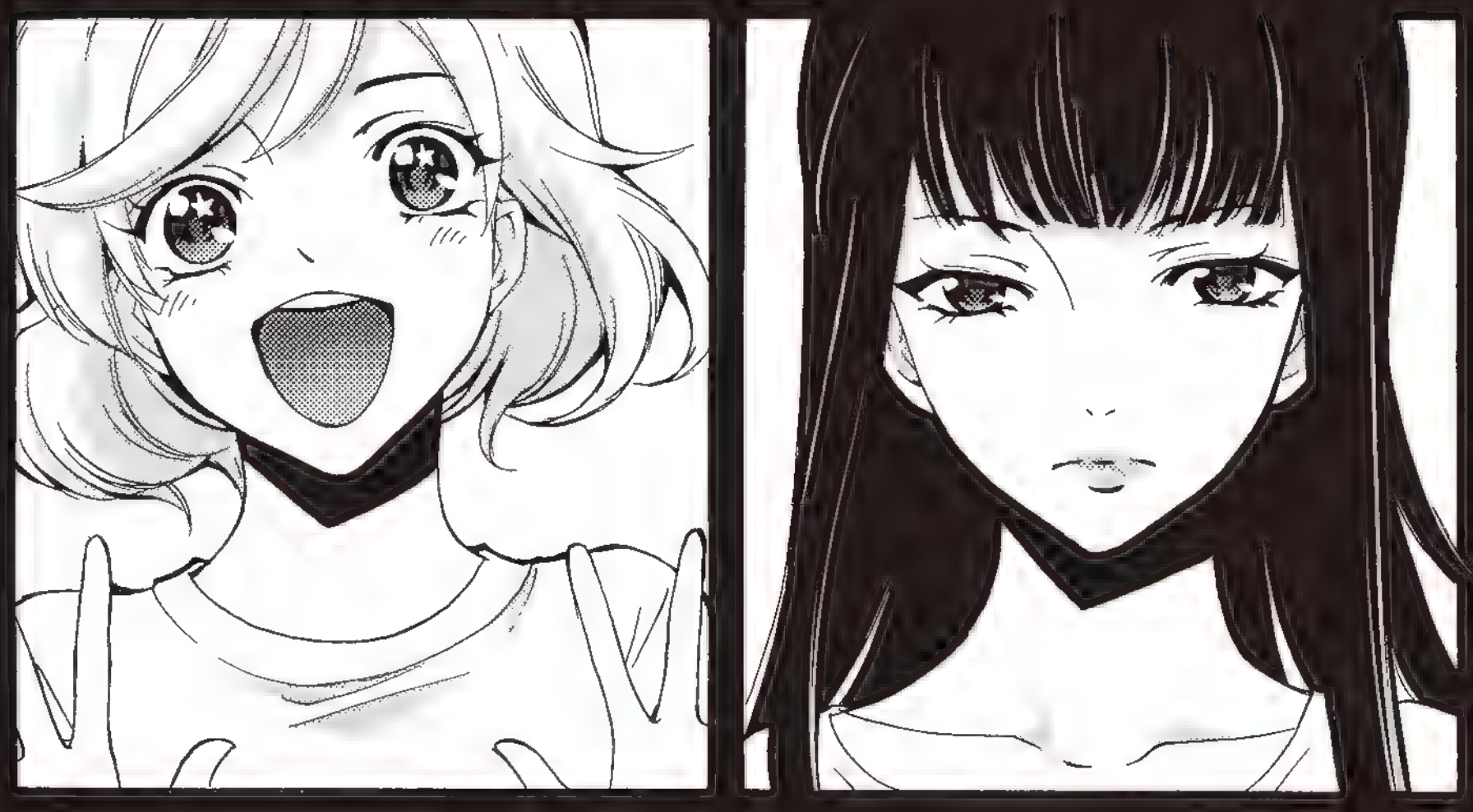

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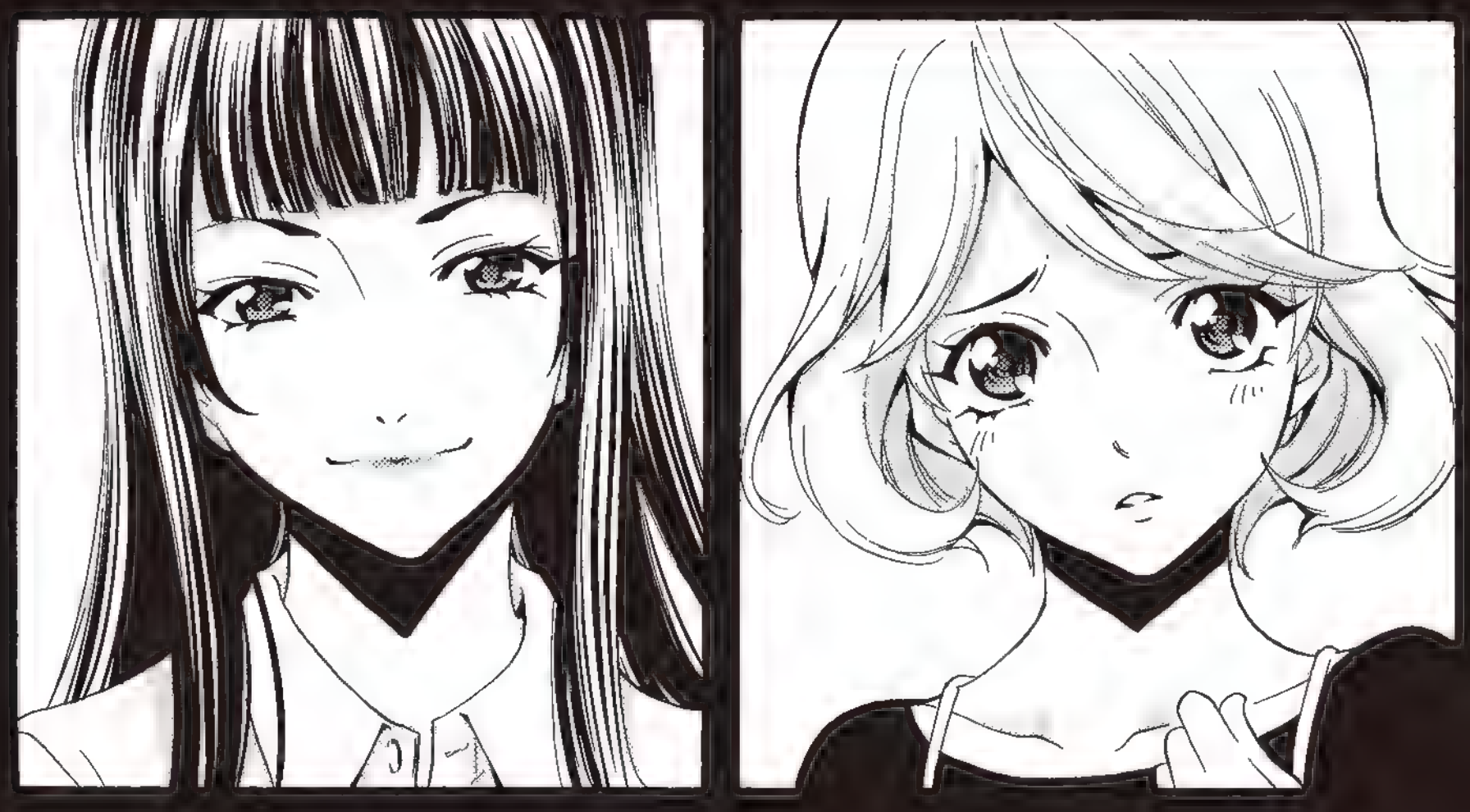

IT'S SO HOT!

AWW...

GEEZ, HOW FAR AWAY DID IWAMI GO JUST TO GET LUNCH?

WE HAD TO SEND AOBA-CHAN AFTER HER, AND THEN SHE WENT MISSING TOO!

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HEY! STOP GOOFING OFF!

HM?

BUT WHY'S SHE IN A SWIMSUIT?

HUH?

THERE SHE IS.

UM...

HAVE WE MET?

A TOWN WHERE YOU LIVE

MIYU HOSHINA

OKONOMIYAKI: A DISH MADE WITH UNSWEETENED PANCAKE-LIKE BATTER AND ONE'S FAVORITE MEATS AND VEGGIES.

YOU KNOW THAT RESTAU-RANT?!

I'M SUPPOSED TO HELP OUT THERE, BUT I GOT LOST...

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WELL, ANYWAY, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE BUYING US OKONOMI-YAKI FROM KIRISHIMA KITCHEN!

HUH?

HUUUH ?!

ばいんBOYOINNG!!

HEY!

I MEAN, SERI-OUSLY! HOW'D YOU DO THAT?!

WH...!!

WHAT?!

HUH?

WERE YOU ALWAYS THAT BUSTY?!

HUUH?!

HUUH?!

HI

SKRRRCH

GET AWAY FROM ME!!

YOU'RE ALL CREEPS !!

WHEN I'M AT THE BEACH, THE GUYS HERE ALL SEEM TO HAVE A ONE-TRACK MIND!!

WH...

WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FO...

SMACK

HEY, YOU! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

UH... YEAH ...

WELL, I GOT A QUESTION.

IS KIRISHIMA KITCHEN SOME-WHERE AROUND HERE?

A TOWN WHERE YOU LIVE

KIYOMI ASAKURA

IWAM!!! WHERE'D YOU GET OFF TO?! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER!

HUH ?

DON'T TELL ME YOU PUT ON A BIKINI AND WENT TO HAVE FUN...

HEY ...

HM ...?

WHY DO YOU ...

...LOOK SO OLD?

SNAP

?!

GYAAAAA

THERE ARE THINGS THAT GOOD LITTLE BOYS KNOW BETTER THAN TO SAY. AND IF YOU DON'T WATCH YOUR WORDS...

CRICK

CRICK

WELL, I'M A SWEET GIRL AND NEVER LET THOUGHTLESS WORDS GET TO ME, BUT OTHER GIRLS MAY NOT BE SO FORGIVING!

WHAA ?

WHAT THE ...

YIKES ...

HUMPH !!

HEY, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHY THEY'RE MAKING US WORK HERE?

FOUR OKO-NOMI-YAKI, PLEASE!

SIZZZZLE

I DON'T KNOW... LET'S JUST GET THIS DONE AND GET OUT OF HERE!

YOU'RE MISTAK-ING ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE!

NO, I KNOW YOU'RE NAGOSHI.

THE END

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